

Governor's Office for Children

"Promoting the well-being of Maryland's children" * Local Management Boards ~ SCYFIS ~ Systems of Care



Meeting with LCC Administrative Staff
September 18, 2009

Introductions

- Name
- Local Management Board
- What you hope to learn today.

Current Service Delivery

- LMBs administer funding for the following programs through a local contract with a vendor who provides case management/care coordination services to eligible youth and arranges for the provision of the services identified in the youth's plan of care:
 - Community Services Initiative (CSI);
 - Rehab Option; and
 - Wrap Maryland (Baltimore City and Montgomery, St. Mary's and Wicomico Counties).

RFP for Statewide CME

- On 4/7/09, GOC, on behalf of the Children's Cabinet, issued an RFP to develop and implement a Statewide system of regional care management entities (CMEs) for the provision of CSI, Rehab Option and Wrap Maryland services funded through the Children's Cabinet Interagency Fund.

Why?

- To advance Systems of Care in Maryland;
- To bring intensive care management and high fidelity Wraparound to jurisdictions statewide;
- To expand a best practices service delivery model using only existing funding;
- To better serve youth and families.

Populations to be Served

- In addition to CSI, Rehab Option and Wrap Maryland services, the CME will also serve populations of youth eligible for the following:
 - RTC Waiver;
 - MD CARES System of Care Grant;
 - Rural CARES System of Care Grant; and
 - Youth diverted from:
 - DJS out-of-home placements or
 - DHR group home placements.

Eligibility

- Services will be available/continue to be available for eligible populations of youth, subject to funding and program requirements.
- Program eligibility requirements will remain in effect.

Statewide CME Structure

- The anticipated start date of the contracts is November 1, 2009 (which includes a two-month transition period, with an assumption of full operation on December 28, 2009).
- For services from 7/1/09 to 12/27/09, LMBs with existing contracts for the provision of CSI and Rehab Option (and Wrap Maryland in the applicable jurisdictions) services may extend those contracts (under applicable procurement procedures) to ensure continuity of services for eligible youth.
- Effective 12/28/09, the Children's Cabinet will enter into contracts with regional CMEs for the provision of said services.

Impact on Families and Youth

- CSI, Rehab Option, and Wraparound services will still be available (subject to budget limitations) to eligible youth.
- For some youth, there will be a change in care management provider, but an overlapping transition period with both providers is planned.
- An increase in available community-based services is a projected benefit.

RTC Waiver

- The RTC Waiver is a 1915(c) Medicaid Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) Demonstration Waiver.
- DHMH/Medicaid is the administrative authority;
- MHA is the operating agency;
- Innovations Institute is contracted for daily project management and evaluation.

Waiver Eligibility

- To qualify, the youth must:
 - meet certain financial eligibility rules;
 - be 6 to 20 years old;
 - meet certain medical criteria; and
 - have the ability to be safely served in the community.

RTC Waiver

- Cases currently served in Baltimore City and Montgomery, St. Mary's and Wicomico Counties will be assessed first for entry into the waiver.
- If slots are available after cases from the above jurisdictions have been assessed, cases in other jurisdictions will be reviewed for waiver eligibility.

RTC Waiver Benefits

- For existing cases that “move” to the waiver:
 - Services will be paid using RTC Waiver funding, not CSI/Wrap/Rehab Option funding;
 - Federal match funds can be accessed;
 - CSI/Wrap/Rehab Option funds are “freed-up”.

RTC Waiver Benefits

- Once this happens, the suspension on new referrals for services may be rescinded, subject to funding availability.
- At that time, new referrals for services may accepted by the CME.

LCC Structure

- Exists in regulation – COMAR 14.31.01.
- These requirements remain in effect unless new regulations are promulgated.
- Interagency Structures workgroup elected to maintain the status quo until after implementation of the statewide system of CMEs.

LCC Structure

- Locally, each LCC shall determine the protocol for ensuring compliance with the regulations, including, but not limited to the approval of plans of care.

RTC Waiver

For more information:

http://medschool.umaryland.edu/innovations/RTC_waiver.asp

Questions and Answers

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